



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

CASE #: COMP-2019-104

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline 2019-0293

TITLE: Alleged Abuse and Violation of Policy

CASE AGENT (if different from prepared):

COMPLAINT INITIATION

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
TBD	Washington, DC	CSB

On July 8, 2019, the Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an anonymous complaint via the hotline (2019-0293) reporting an alleged abuse of government funds and violation of policy by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). According to the information contained in the anonymous hotline complaint, the CSB has been paying for the personal internet service of an employee for several years in violation of established policies. The documents attached pertained to the allegation.

This complaint is being initiated to assess the allegation in order to determine a viable plan of action.

Attachments:

1. Hotline Referral 2019-0293/Dated: June 27, 2019



2019-0293 Hotline
Referral.pdf



2019-0293 FY17
Budget.pdf



2019-0593 FY19
Budget.pdf



2019-0293
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CASE #:
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PREPARED BY:
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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TITLE: Alleged Abuse and Violation of Policy

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
INTERVIEW**

NARRATIVE:

On July 16, 2019, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) telephonically contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). The purpose of the contact was to determine (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) availability to meet with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to discuss the use of public funds to pay for a CSB employee's personal internet services. A non-verbatim account of the conversation with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is presented below.

During the telephonic conversation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was talking about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) confirmed the suspicion at which point (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) uttered that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to pay for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) internet service because (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not have access to good broadband internet service at home, and to do (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) job when teleworking. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needs a good broadband connection. When asked why (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not pay for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) own internet services, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) answered, "I don't know."

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DATE OF ACTIVITY:
July 16, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DRAFTED DATE:
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AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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The interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 2:00PM.

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DATE OF ACTIVITY:
July 16, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB, et al.

CASE AGENT (if different from prepared):

CASE INITIATION

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On August 6, 2019, the above referenced complaint# COMP-2019-104 was converted into an investigation to effectively investigate potential criminal activity related to the allegation and results of the preliminary inquiry.

The documents attached pertain to the allegation.

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
CASE TITLE CHANGE

NARRATIVE:

On August 6, 2019, the above referenced complaint# COMP-2019-104 was converted into an investigation (b) (5). Specific subjects were identified during the complaint stage. As such, the official case title of the above referenced case, OI-HQ-2019-ADM-0101, changed from "Alleged Abuse and Violation of Policy" to "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB, et al." This change complies with OIG Procedure 206, Section 5, "Titling Investigations."

CASE:
OI-HQ-2019-ADM-0101

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
August 6, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
N/A

DRAFTED DATE:
August 6, 2019

AGENT(S):
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CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB, et al.

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
RECORDS REVIEW**

NARRATIVE:

As background, the Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an anonymous complaint via the hotline (2019-0293) reporting an alleged abuse of government funds and violation of policy by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). According to the information contained in the anonymous hotline complaint, the CSB has been paying for internet connection at the private residence of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB.

On January 14, 2020, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) WFO, OI, OIG, EPA, conducted a review of documents associated with said allegation. First, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

[REDACTED]

CASE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CSB, et al.

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
1/14/2020

DRAFTED DATE: 1/14/2020

AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

Second, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed CSB's Board Order 037, "Telework Program," which under section expenses subsection b, states that "the CSB is not permitted to reimburse employees for personal expenses, such as increased home utility bills, that may result from telework." Further, subsection c states,

The CSB is currently unable to pay for the installation of telephone or data lines in the private residences of teleworking employees. The CSB is also unable to pay the charges for personal telephone and data services (including internet service providers) used to perform work while teleworking. Employees should use their government cell phone when their official duties require them to make toll calls. (Attachment 2 contains additional information).

Third, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed a memorandum entitled, "Telework & Internet Access for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)" dated February 2, 2012. The memorandum was sent by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CSB, requesting that the CSB pays for the installation and monthly services of internet connection at the residence of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Attachment 3 pertains).

Fourth, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed an expense report which details the expenses incurred by the CSB related to payments for internet services at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence. The expense report shows that the CSB reimburses (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) quarterly by local voucher, for the amount of \$171.80 plus an \$8.00 voucher fee. (Attachment 4 contains additional information).

Attachments:

1. (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)



(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

2. CSB's Board Order 037 Telework Policy

CASE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CSB, et al.

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
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AGENT(S):
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BO 037 -
Telework.pdf

3. Memorandum, entitled "Telework & Internet Access for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)"/Dated February 2, 2012



Telework Internet
Connection (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

4. Expense Report/dated July 17, 2019



Expense Detail by line
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CSB, et al.

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019 1:26:00 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As discussed, the CSB received a complaint about the agency paying for your internet connection. Paying for the connection was approved in 2012 by prior management and has continued to date without re-evaluation. Current management determined that the agency will no longer pay for your connection, largely because internet connections are more pervasive (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Once the OIG complaint is resolved, if it is allowable the CSB should be able to pay for service through today. I am sorry to deliver this news and let me know if you have questions.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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August 8, 2019

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
601 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20535-0002

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, we are notifying your Agency of a new case which may be of interest to your organization:

Date Opened: August 6, 2019

Subject Names: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB

EPA OIG Case Number: OI-HQ-2019-ADM-0101

EPA OIG Case Agent: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Washington Field Office

Issue/Allegation: The Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated an investigation pursuant to information obtained via an EPA OIG Hotline complaint concerning an allegation of abuse of government funds and violation of policy by CSB personnel. Specifically, it was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used CSB funds to approve payments of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residential internet services via local vouchers.

If you or your staff have any questions, or wish to discuss this case in further detail, please contact SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or myself at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office



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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
INTERVIEW**

NARRATIVE:

On August 6, 2019, Special Agents (SAs) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigation (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, DC, conducted the audio recorded interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB, Washington, DC. The purpose of the interview was to obtain information regarding an allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CSB, requested that the CSB pay for internet services at the private residence of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Said request was granted, and for the last seven years the CSB has been paying for the internet services use at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence in violation of the CSB Telework Program, Board Order 037, last amended on February 1, 2016.

Prior to commencing the interview, SAs (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified themselves as agents with the EPA's OIG by presenting their credentials for review. Subsequently, SAs (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) consent to record the interview. After consenting to the recording of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was presented with the acknowledgment of rights form (Non-custodial Garrity Warnings) which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) read, acknowledged and signed (attachment 1).

CASE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): NA

CSB, et al.

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
08/06/2019

DRAFTED DATE: 08/06/2019

AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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The information presented in this report is a summary of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interview and is not intended to be a verbatim account, nor does it memorialize all the statements made during the interview. Communication by the parties' present were electronically recorded, and the recording captures the actual words spoken and was uploaded to the electronic case management system.

In reference to the allegation under investigation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that the CSB started to pay for internet services on or about 2012, when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was approved for telework (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). According to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the time, internet connectivity was slow in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) neighborhood which prompted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) manager, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to ask (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needed internet to be paid; from there on, the CSB has paid for internet services at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is not using the internet services for work, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) family use the services for various purposes. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the service subscriber is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pays the monthly bill, and on a quarterly basis (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) submits a voucher to the CSB for reimbursement.

During the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was presented with two documents for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) review, labeled exhibit 1. Attachment 2 pertains.

Attachments:

1. Acknowledgement of Rights (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) /Dated August 6, 2019



Rights Warning.pdf

2. Local Voucher (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Dated August 12, 2019



Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Exhibit 1.pdf

CASE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C),
CSB, et al.

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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PRESENTATION**

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On October 25, 2019, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) WFO, OI, OIG, EPA, telephonically discussed the above matter with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Duty Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Fraud and Public Corruption Section, Washington, D.C.

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DATE OF ACTIVITY:
October 25, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
N/A

DRAFTED DATE:
October 29, 2019

AGENT(S):
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CASE #: OI-HQ-2019-ADM-0101

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline 2019-0293

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CSB, et al.

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Thursday August 6, 2019 - 10:03 AM
WFO Interview Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Clarity warnings administered at 10:11 AM
and signed

Was approved for telework (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

at time of approval internet connection in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) neighborhood was slow.

after 2 years (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needed internet paid and internet in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) neighborhood had improved

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not provided cell phone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) but was provided a reimbursement for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) internet every month since 2012.

~~How many~~ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) teleworks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) traditionally but due to metro shutdown, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) teleworks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) days.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) family uses the internet on days that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not telework.

Then (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the subscriber on the internet account.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

chemical safety board

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

knows about the telework policy but does not know it in detail.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

stated that it was a mgmt decision to allow the reimbursement of internet bill.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will review (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) vouchers before they are sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(agent note: Recorder died at 10:45)

(Resuming interview at 10:46 am)

Interview ended 10:56 AM



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CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
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VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C § 641 – Public money, property or records

ALLEGATION: On July 8, 2019, the Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an anonymous complaint via the hotline (2019-0293) reporting an alleged abuse of government funds and violation of policy by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). According to the information contained in the anonymous hotline complaint, the CSB, specifically, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) authorized payments for internet services at the private residence of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CSB.

FINDINGS: An interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to pay for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residential internet service because (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needed to have access to reliable internet services while teleworking. On July 18, 2019, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) via e-mail message that the CSB “will no longer pay” for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residential internet services (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is no longer an employee of the CSB. This matter was declined by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia.

DISPOSITION: No further investigative action is warranted. This investigation is hereby closed.

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